

## REMARKS

### I. Introduction

Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15-25, 27, 28, and 31-94 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15, 17-25, 27, 28, 31, 33-44, 46-57, and 59-94 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by PCT Publication No. WO 97/28636 (hereinafter "Dahl"). Claims 16, 32, 45, and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dahl.

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

### II. Applicants' Reply

#### A. The Rejection of Independent Claims 1, 17, 33, and 46

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 17, 33, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dahl. The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 46 are directed towards systems and a method for interactive wagering and computer-readable medium for providing information in an interactive wagering system. Wagering accounts are stored in a database. A plurality of types of user interface systems are configured to (a) receive data relating to a single wagering account stored in the database and provide that data to the user and (b) receive wager information from a user. One of the plurality of types of user interface systems is a television wagering control system. The television wagering control system provides the data relating to the single wagering account to a television distribution system and receives the wager information from a television wagering terminal. At least another of the plurality of types of user interface systems is

either an interactive voice response control system or a computer wagering control system.

Dahl is directed to a method and a system for performing a service (e.g., gambling) via an interactive telecommunication network. In one embodiment, a central gambling station is adapted to establish "partly one-way, partly two-way communications via a communication network such as the public telephone network, direct transmission lines and television links" to player terminals (Dahl, page 2, lines 7-10). The player terminals may include "a telephone instrument, a television set having teletext facilities, and possibly a personal computer 7" (Dahl, page 3, lines 3-5). However, at a minimum a player must have a telephone instrument. (See Dahl, page 4, lines 38-41.)

The Examiner contends that Dahl discloses a television wagering control system that (a) provides data relating to a wagering account to a television distribution system and (b) receives wager information from a television wagering terminal as specified by applicants' independent claims. Contrary to the Examiner's contention, Dahl only teaches establishing one-way communication over a television link.

A player using the Dahl system cannot use the television equipment to communicate with the central gambling station. Rather, the television equipment is used to provide menu options visually that a player may also receive audibly on the telephone instrument. (See Dahl, page 5, lines 17-37.) Therefore, even though the television equipment may be used to display information to a player, the player can only communicate with the central gambling station using the telephone instrument. (See Dahl, page 5, lines 17-37, and page 8, line 25 - page 9, line 17.) Accordingly, Dahl fails to show or suggest receiving wagering information from a television wagering

terminal as required by applicants' independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 46.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicants submit that independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 46 are patentable over Dahl. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 17, 33, and 46 over Dahl should be withdrawn.

B. The Rejections of Dependent Claims 2-9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18-25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34-45, and 47-94

The Examiner rejects dependent claims 2-9, 11, 12, 15, 18-25, 27, 28, 31, 34-44, 47-57, and 59-94 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dahl. Dependent claims 16, 32, 45, and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dahl. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

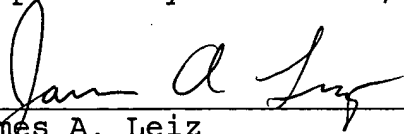
Applicants submit that dependent claims 2-9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18-25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34-45, and 47-94 are patentable over Dahl for at least the same reason that independent 1, 17, 33, and 46 are patentable over Dahl. Accordingly, the rejections of dependent claims 2-9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18-25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34-45, and 47-94 should be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15-25, 27, 28, and 31-94 are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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